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24+ advanced learning loans

Application information

2015 to 2016 academic year final report

Main Headlines

Applications received/ approved	The number of applications received for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans increased from 67,280 in the 2014/15 academic year to 80,650 in 2015/16. The number of applications approved (ready for payment) increased from 56,870 in 2014/15 to 71,190 in 2015/16.
Total loan amount approved and average loan amount	The total value for loans approved increased from £148.8m in the 2014/15 academic year to £195.2m in 2015/16. The average loan ready for payment also increased from £2,620 in 2014/15, to £2,740 in 2015/16.
Provision type	Level 3 Diplomas received the most applications in the 2015/16 academic year, with 49,640 applications received and 44,060 approved. Overall, a total of £129.4m was approved for level 3 Diplomas, with an average loan of £2,940 .
Applicant demographics	The highest number of applications received were from the 24-30 year old age group, with 31,060 being received and 27,140 approved for the 2015/16 academic year. 70 per cent of applications received were by females (56,840) and 81 per cent of applications were received by UK nationals (65,340).
Top 10 qualifications	The Diploma in Fitness Instructing and Personal Training (QCF) qualification awarded by the Lifetime Awarding Organisation (LAO) received the most 24+ Advanced Learning Loan applications in the 2015/16 academic year. This qualification received 3,310 applications, with 3,080 applications approved.
Sector Subject Area	The Health, Public Services and Care sector subject area (SSA) received the most applications, at 24,810 . Of these, 21,640 were approved. The largest average amount for approved applications was in the Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies SSA (4,370).
Learning provider type	General Further Education and Colleges (including Tertiary Colleges) received 43,830 applications for the 2015/16 academic year, of which 38,290 were approved. There were also 31,190 applications received for Private Sector Public Funded learning providers, of which 27,850 were approved.

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1. Further Education & Skills 24+ Advanced Learning Loans

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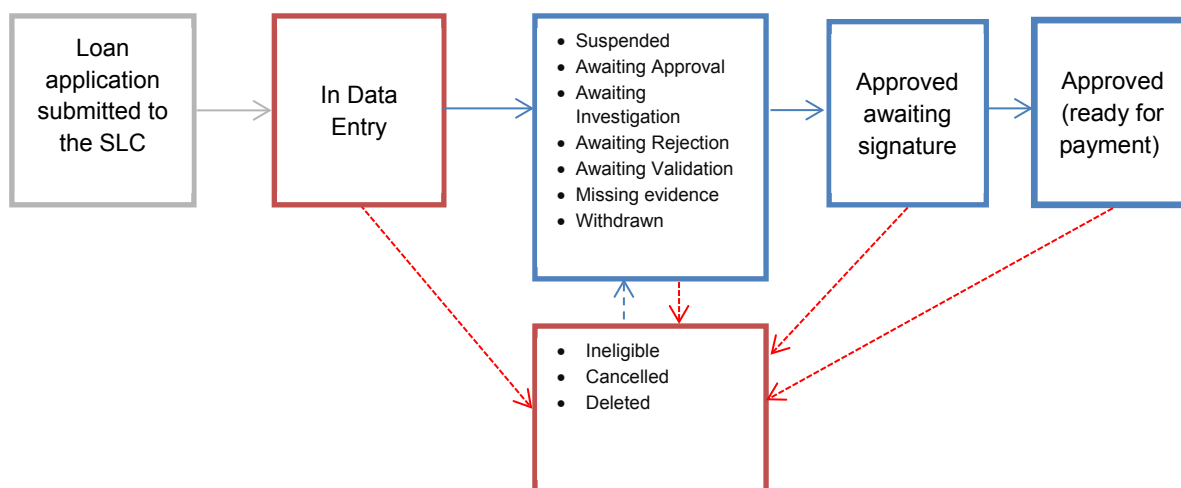
1. This is a Department for Education report for the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system and contains information relating to courses starting in the 2015/16 academic year. This final report uses data from the Student Loans Company's (SLC) live database. Data used includes applications received up until 30 September 2016, although applications closed for the 2015/16 academic year on 31 July 2016. This allows any applications that were submitted after the closing date due to certain circumstances to be included, as well as final processing to be completed on applications already submitted.
2. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans have been expanded to those aged 19 and over starting in the 2016/17 academic year and have been renamed to 'Advanced Learning Loans'.
3. The report contains an outline of the data source as well as tables presenting the number of applications received, the number of applications approved, the amount of loan awarded to those approved, and the average (mean) amount awarded. Given the nature of the SLC live database, the information presented is at 30 September 2016.
4. The next release of Advanced Learner Loans Information will be on 24 November 2016, and will relate to applications submitted to the end of October 2016 for the 2016/17 academic year. A final report for the 2016/17 academic year is planned for release in October 2017.

2. Data Source

The data used to produce this report are sourced from the live Student Loans Company (SLC) application database. The data refer to all applications received for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans, which include both unprocessed and processed applications, but exclude those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry. The live database provides information on applications, and is updated on an ongoing basis due to applications being processed, therefore data presented throughout the academic year are subject to change. A database snapshot provides data on applications (including application state) as it was held for any given date. This report uses application data on the 30 September 2016 for the 2015/16 academic year. Data presented in this report may also change for particular applications at some point in the future, but this is unlikely to affect the numbers significantly.

Figure 1 provides an overview of different application states. The state of an application can depend on various factors, including how much progress has been made processing the application, as well as the accuracy of the information and supporting evidence provided. In the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans report, the definition of applications received exclude those that are in data entry, ineligible, cancelled or deleted.

Figure 1 – Process map of application states



Applications move between different states on an ongoing basis. For example, an application may be in data entry and move to awaiting approval or an application that has been approved may move into the cancelled, deleted or in data entry state. It is therefore possible that the number of applications received could decrease from one month to the next if a large amount of applications move to the states in the red boxes and are no longer classed as an application received. Also, due to the changing of states, the sum of monthly application states over the course of the academic year will not equal the total for the full academic year.

3. Other Related Statistics

On 6 October 2016, the Department for Education published the [Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release](#), which contains provisional full year figures relating to the number of Learnings participating in FE who are funded through the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system (see Table 11 and 26 from the most recent release). Figures for 2015/16 include some Learnings whose course started in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 academic years that continued into the 2015/16 academic year, and so these figures are not comparable to those in this report.

The Student Loans Company also published their [24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England](#) publication on 6 October 2016, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of loans-funded Learnings during the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years. Data presented relates to Learnings who are participating on a further education course funded by an 24+ Advanced Learning Loan, and hence are not directly comparable to the application figures presented in this report.

On 16 June 2016, the Student Loans Company published [Debt and Repayment statistics for England](#), which included figures debt and repayment relating to some 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2015/16 financial year.

4. 2015/16 Academic Year

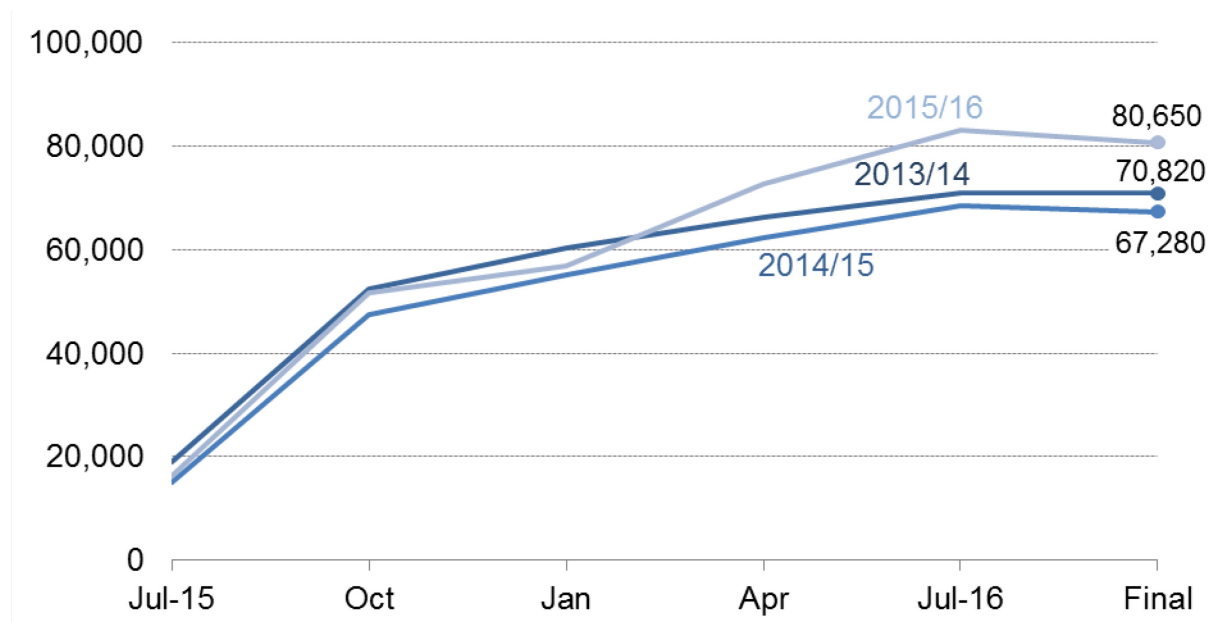
Table 1 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received and Approved, Academic Years 2013/14 to 2015/16

Academic year	Applications received	Applications approved		
		Number of applications	Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
2013/14	70,820	56,220	139,800	2,490
2014/15	67,280	56,870	148,800	2,620
2015/16	80,650	71,190	195,200	2,740

Notes:

1. Applications received exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (except where stated).
2. Data are based on received applications, and are not necessarily indicative of actual Learning starts.
3. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for total loan amount rewarded, which is rounded to the nearest £100,000.
4. Final application data is as at: 30 September 2014 for 2013/14; 30 September 2015 for 2014/15; 30 September 2016 for 2015/16.

Figure 1 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received, Academic Years 2013/14 to 2015/16



Notes:

1. Total applications received exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (except where stated).
2. Total applications received are snapshots at the end of each reference month, see the data source section for more details.

3. Applications opened on: 8 April 2013 for the 2013/14 academic year, 14 April 2014 for the 2014/15 academic year, 5 May 2015 for the 2015/16 academic year. Applications closed on the following 31 July for each academic year respectively.

4. Final application data is as at: 30 September 2014 for 2013/14; 30 September 2015 for 2014/15; 30 September 2016 for 2015/16.

Table 2 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received by Provision Type, Academic Year 2015/16

	Applications received	Number of applications	Applications approved	
			Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
Total	80,650	71,190	195,200	2,740
A Level	420	340	300	880
QAA Access to HE	16,910	14,400	45,700	3,180
Level 3:				
Certificate	8,830	8,070	9,000	1,110
Diploma	49,640	44,060	129,400	2,940
Vocational Qualification	110	100	200	2,260
Level 4+:				
Certificate	900	820	1,000	1,190
Diploma	3,760	3,340	9,400	2,810
Vocational Qualification	60	60	100	2,490
Unknown	30	10	-	-

Notes:

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3. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for total loan amount rewarded, which is rounded to the nearest £100,000. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications, or less than £50,000.
4. Final application data for 2015/16 is as at 30 September 2016.
5. The mean average is used and is calculated by dividing the unrounded total loan amount awarded by the number of applications ready for payment.
6. Figures may not sum due to rounding
7. The Vocational Qualification category has been created in the Student Loans Company database and is gradually being used to group vocational qualifications (including Certificates and Diplomas). Due to this transition, users should be cautious when comparing the number of applications for certificates, diplomas and vocational qualifications between academic years.

Table 3 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status, Academic Year 2015/16

	Applications approved			
	Applications received	Number of applications	Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
Grand Totals	80,650	71,190	195,200	2,740
24-30	31,060	27,140	78,400	2,890
31-40	28,470	25,300	68,500	2,710
41-50	15,650	13,940	36,000	2,580
50+	5,450	4,800	12,300	2,560
Unknown	20	10	-	-
Total Male	23,810	20,980	62,900	3,000
Total Female	56,840	50,210	132,300	2,640
Total UK	65,340	57,330	155,000	2,700
Total Non-UK	15,310	13,860	40,200	2,900

Notes:

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Table 4 - Top 10 Qualifications by Number of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications, Academic Year 2015/16

Learning Aim Reference Number	Learning Aim Description	Awarding Organisation	Level	Applications received	Applications approved		
					Number of applications	Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
6013866X	Diploma in Fitness Instructing and Personal Training (QCF)	Lifetime Awarding Organisation (LAO)	Level 3	3,310	3,080	8,600	2,790
60069089	Diploma in Accounting (QCF)	Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)	Level 3	3,070	2,690	4,900	1,820
60049418	Diploma in Fitness Instructing and Personal Training (QCF)	Active IQ	Level 3	2,740	2,530	7,100	2,800
50104767	Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF)	Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE)	Level 3	2,310	2,160	4,400	2,020
60068929	Diploma in Accounting (QCF)	Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)	Level 4	1,730	1,530	2,900	1,890
60126292	Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF)	Northern Advisory Council for Further Education (NACFE)	Level 3	1,480	1,340	3,500	2,580
50097453	Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF)	Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education (CACHE)	Level 3	1,280	1,210	1,600	1,360
40003930	Access to Higher Education Diploma: Health	Open College Network West Midlands (OPENCOLLNETWESTMID)	Level 3	1,240	1,000	3,200	3,240
50111942	Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)	City and Guild (CG)	Level 3	1,240	1,120	3,000	2,710
60136947	Diploma in Management (QCF)	Industrial Qualifications (IQ)	Level 3	1,130	1,080	2,800	2,570

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Table 5 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received by Sector Subject Area (Tier 1), Academic Year 2015/16

Sector Subject Area	Applications received	Number of applications	Applications approved	
			Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
Total	80,650	71,190	195,200	2,740
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	1,340	1,220	5,300	4,340
Arts, Media and Publishing	1,900	1,630	6,600	4,060
Business, Administration and Law	13,980	12,090	27,600	2,280
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	3,620	3,290	12,900	3,920
Education and Training	9,550	8,830	15,000	1,700
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	1,180	1,040	4,500	4,370
Health, Public Services and Care	24,810	21,640	62,300	2,880
History, Philosophy and Theology	430	350	1,000	2,890
Information and Communication Technology	1,170	1,000	3,400	3,430
Languages, Literature and Culture	290	270	200	770
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	8,230	7,570	20,200	2,670
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	9,450	8,330	24,500	2,950
Science and Mathematics	2,090	1,770	5,400	3,020
Social Sciences	2,090	1,730	5,100	2,950
Unknown/Not applicable	520	430	1,100	2,580

Notes:

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3. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for total loan amount awarded, which is rounded to the nearest £1,000. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications, or less than £1000.
4. Total 2015/16 is as at 30 September 2016.
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Table 6 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received by Learning Provider Type, Academic Year 2015/16

Learning Provider Type	Applications received	Number of applications	Applications approved	
			Total loan amount awarded (£000s)	Average loan amount (£)
Total	80,650	71,190	195,200	2,740
General FE College incl Tertiary	43,830	38,290	105,400	2,750
Sixth form college	750	610	1,500	2,400
Special colleges	1,200	1,090	3,800	3,480
Other Public Funded	3,670	3,340	7,300	2,180
Private Sector Public Funded	31,190	27,850	77,300	2,770
Unknown	20	-	-	-

Notes:

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